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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KUALA LUMPUR INCIDENT

EYES ONLY FOR CHARGE

1. WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE DATELINED TRIPOLI, AUGUST 8, REPORTS CONSUL STEBBINS AS STATING THAT TERRORISTS WERE "VERY PRECISE, ASSURED, WELL ORGANIZED, COURAGEOUS PEOPLE WHO KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WANTED AND HOW TO GET IT. ... UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEY WERE AS KIND AS THEY COULD BE. I HAVE TO ADMIRE THEIR DEDICATION." IS THIS ACCURATE ACCOUNT?

2. HOSTAGES OFTEN IDENTIFY WITH THEIR CAPTORS, REFLECTING A NATURAL SURVIVAL MECHANISM. MANY HOSTAGES MAINTAIN THESE FEELINGS AFTER THEIR RELEASE EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY DISAGREE WITH THEIR CAPTORS' PHILOSOPHY AND TACTICS. A-775, "PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO ACTS OF TERRORISM
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AGAINST AMERICANS ABROAD," WILL BE AMENDED TO HIGHLIGHT THIS TENDENCY AND TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF POSTS ADVISING HOSTAGES IMMEDIATELY ON THEIR RELEASE OF IMPORTANCE OF THEIR AVOIDING PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH SEEM TO CONDONE

TERRORISTS' CRIMINAL ACTIONS. ASSUME YOU HAVE MADE THIS
POINT TO STEBBINS SINCE HIS REPORTED REMARKS, WHICH CAN

ONLY ADD TO DIFFICULTIES USG FACES IN ITS EFFORTS TO
COMBAT TERRORIST SCOURGE. KISSINGER

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